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A plan laying down conditions for the payment of workers was drawn up on June 1947 by the directors of the Sowjetische Mineraloel Verwaltung in Austria. The plan was read to the Zistersdorf workers about 20 June and, despite their loud protests against the Stakhanov principles embodied in it, was put into effect a few days after the reading. The plan consists of rigid time schedules which have been assigned to the various tasks connected with oil field operations; early completion of tasks is rewarded with bonuses. [redacted] adoption of this plan has merely added to the discontent previously evident among the workers. Despite good wages, the poor housing conditions, bad food, maladministration, and great shortage of tools and machinery have caused many workers to leave for the western zones of Austria. This migratory tendency may also be traceable to the pressure recently exerted by S.M.V. on all department heads and skilled technicians to join the Communist Party, which many are reluctant to do. While this effort has not yet been extended to the workers in terms of ultimatums, they are continually subjected to propaganda designed to inveigle them into joining the Party, and it is suspected that this propaganda may soon be supplemented by more practical measures.

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